

WMQ3**EVALUATING HIV DISEASE HEALTH OUTCOMES IN DIFFERENT TREATMENT SETTINGS: HOW TO SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE HRQL INSTRUMENT**

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WORKSHOP OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this workshop is to develop the skills to identify and differentiate between psychometrically sound HIV-specific and general health-related quality of life (HRQL) instruments, and to employ these outcome measures in alternative healthcare settings. HRQL assessment in HIV disease for both clinical monitoring and clinical trial research will be covered.

PARTICIPANTS WHO WOULD BENEFIT: Healthcare providers involved in the care of patients with HIV disease, and healthcare industry decision-makers who evaluate products in development for the treatment of those patients.

The impact of therapeutic regimens on patients with HIV disease can be fully evaluated only through an assessment of a comprehensive set of health outcomes. However, there have been few direct empirical comparisons of HRQL measures to guide the decision as to which instrument or scale to select for a given purpose in a given treatment setting. We will present a modular approach that is useful in assessing the variety of practical considerations which inform this decision. HIV-specific and generic HRQL measures will be compared as to the value of their application in alternative healthcare settings, from office-based physician practices to academic medical centers involved in clinical trial research. Attributes of eleven HRQL measures are reviewed and compared, and the settings in which the instruments are likely to be of greatest use will be identified. Among the instruments are: MOS-HIV; General Health Self-Assessment Scale; ACTG Questionnaire; HRQL Questionnaire; QWB Scale; HIV-QL31; EORTC QLQ-C30; FAHI QOL Instrument; ATHOS Questionnaire; MQOL-HIV; and HAT-QOL.